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## BOOK+NOTICES.

[All publications received, which relate directly or indirectly to the Old Testament, will be promptly noticed under this head. Attention will not be confined to new books, but notices will be given, so far as possible, of such old books, in this department of study, as may be of general interest to pastors and students.]

### LIBRI DANIELIS, EZRAE ET NEHEMIAE.\*

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This is the most elaborate in the series of texts published by Baer and Delitzsch. Beside the usual *appendices criticae et Massoreticae* it contains an examination of supposed Babylonian words by the now well known Assyriologist, Friedrich Delitzsch and an *adumbratio Chaldaismi Biblici* by Dr. Baer as indicated in the title. The Introduction by Prof. Franz Delitzsch notices briefly the corruption of the text (or rather of the Massora) in ordinary editions, and describes the MSS. used for this one.

Friedrich Delitzsch brings us little new. He is inclined to favor the identification of "the great and noble Asnapper" (Ezra iv : 10) with Assurbanipal and even to suppose the shorter name a corruption of the other.

The *adumbratio* is a full series of Paradigms of Chaldee forms, beginning with the pronouns and ending with the weak verbs. There follows a table of all the verbs found in Biblical Chaldee, grouped in their respective species. A few remarks are added concerning obscure or anomalous forms. There seems no reason why this set of tables should not furnish all the grammatical aid needed for the study of the Chaldee portions of the Bible.

If these plates should be used for a new edition of these books or in printing a complete Old Testament it is much to be hoped that heavier and firmer paper may be chosen

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### MUHAMMED IN MEDINA.†

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The appearance of this volume and the acceptance of a professorship by Wellhausen have caused some discussion, as indicating his abandonment of Old Testament studies. The only statement in the book bearing upon this point is where he gave it as his object "to learn something of the wild vine upon which the plant of Jehovah's Torah is grafted by priest and prophet. For I have no

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\* LIBRI DANIELIS, EZRAE ET NEHEMIAE; textum Massoreticum accuratissime expressit, e fontibus Massorae codicumque varie illustravit, adumbrationem Chaldaismi Biblici adjecit, S. BAER. Cum praefatione Francisci Delitzsch et glossis Babylonicis Friederici Delitzsch. Lipsiae 1882, pp. LX et 136, 8vo.

† Das ist, Vakidi's Kitab al Maghazi in verkürzter deutscher Wiedergabe herausgegeben von J. WELLHAUSEN. Berlin (G. Reimer) 1882. Pp. 472, 8vo.